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SUBJECT: FIJI REQUESTS U.S. SUPPORT FOR ITS CANDIDACY FOR
UN PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION

REF: STATE 23591

Classified By: DCM Ted Mann, per 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (U) This is an action request (paragraph 2).

¶2. (C) Fiji's CEO of Foreign Affairs, Isikeli Mataitoga, told the Ambassador February 14 that Fiji has decided to become a candidate for the UN Peacebuilding Commission. Using refotel guidance, Ambassador encouraged Fiji to put its name forward, but noted we could not commit to a vote in advance. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs followed up with a diplomatic note, dated February 15, formally requesting U.S. support for its candidacy. Given Fiji's long and successful record in peacekeeping, Embassy believes Fiji would be a valuable member of the Peacebuilding Commission. Embassy requests guidance on how to respond to Fiji's request for support.

¶3. (SBU) Text of Diplomatic Note from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Republic of the Fiji Islands:

Note No. 096/06

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America, and in reference to the Resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council on the 20th of December, 2005, regarding the establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands has decided to present its candidature for membership of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission in the category open to the membership at large of the United Nations General Assembly.

In the light of the strong diplomatic ties that happily exist between our two countries, the Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands would highly appreciate the valuable support of the Government of the United States of America for Fiji's candidature to the above mentioned Committee.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

15 February 2006

End Text.

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